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TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The Pres said he heard rumors we are ready to make a new treaty with Iran. The Sec said there is nothing to it and gave the background etc. This is routine but the Russians are trying to build it up. The Pres referred to the Shah's visit and his talking on the situation and we were hunting up things to give. The Pres would hope those things could be kept as quiet as possible and supposes they normally are and was shocked when someone said new treaty. The Sec said there is none. The Pres suggested calling in George Allen and telling him the facts and having them piped down. The Sec said he would do.

The Sec reported he was feeling good.

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The Sec said we will probably want to recognize the new Cuban Govt promptly. They asked and most of the Latin countries have. The Pres said we better. The Sec said Smith has gone back at his suggestion (S's) to be there to announce it. The Pres said to do it this p.m. The Sec said Smith thinks the shift of ambas is appropriate. The Pres and Sec think he has done well though the Sec said others don't. The Sec said Smith knows of the Pres' concern and he was touched. He realizes it is appropriate. The Pres suggested we don't make any mistakes in being too much in a hurry. The Pres evidently talked with Herter about it. The Sec said we don't want him kicked out. The Pres agreed.

The Sec asked re the State of the Union Message. The Pres said it is all right but they won't give him time to do anything. The Sec said he would like to see him when this is over re Berlin. The Pres referred to Vorishilov's last letter. They are hanging on. The Sec said they will be tough on this. The Sec is concerned about it. The Sec said the trouble is they have us boxed in in such a way the situation is darn near untenable. The Pres said they say we are moving out - you are still occupying Berlin. The Sec said we should be firm but when you think how you conduct yourself in various contingencies and coordinate with others it is difficult.

They will evidently set up a time when they see each other at NSC - maybe afterwards.

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